

**REMARKS**

By way of summary, claims 1–20, 24, 81, and 85–93 were pending. By the foregoing amendments, Applicant has amended claim 1. Applicant has not cancelled any claims and have not added any new claims. Therefore, claims 1–20, 24, 81, and 85–93 remain pending.

Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found in the original claims and in the specification, for example, at least in the paragraph beginning at the end of page 2 and ending on page 3 and the first paragraph of page 9.

***Response to Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 6–8, 10–19, 24, 81, and 89–92 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)***

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6–8, 10–19, 24, 81, and 89–92 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ. No. 2002/0178447 to Plotnick et al. ("Plotnick"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, the characterizations of the pending claims, and each and every implicit and/or explicit reliance on Official Notice.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 according to the discussions in the interview of April 27, 2011. Applicant submit that Plotnick does not disclose all the features of claim 1, so claim 1 is patentable over Plotnick.

Each of claims 2, 4, 6–8, 10–19, 24, 81, and 89–92 depends either directly or indirectly from claim 1, so each of these claims includes all the features of claim 1, as well as other features of particular utility. Applicant therefore submits that claims 2, 4, 6–8, 10–19, 24, 81, and 89–92 are patentably distinguished over Plotnick.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6–8, 10–19, 24, 81, and 89–92.

***Response to Rejection of Claims 3 and 9 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

The Office Action rejected claims 3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Plotnick in view of U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ. No. 2003/0110499 to Knudson et al. ("Knudson"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, the characterizations of the pending claims, and each and every implicit and/or explicit reliance on Official Notice.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 according to the discussions in the interview of April 27, 2011. As discussed above, Applicant submit that Plotnick does not disclose all the features of claim 1. Applicant further submits that Knudson does not disclose the features of claim 1 missing from Plotnick, so claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Plotnick and Knudson.

Each of claims 3 and 9 depends either directly or indirectly from claim 1, so each of these claims includes all the features of claim 1, as well as other features of particular utility. Applicant therefore submits that claims 3 and 9 are patentably distinguished over Plotnick in view of Knudson.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 3 and 9.

***Response to Rejection of Claims 85-88 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

The Office Action rejected claims 85-88 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Plotnick in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,560,578 to Eldering ("Eldering"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, the characterizations of the pending claims, and each and every implicit and/or explicit reliance on Official Notice.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 according to the discussions in the interview of April 27, 2011. As discussed above, Applicant submit that Plotnick does not disclose all the features of claim 1. Applicant further submits that Eldering does not disclose the features of claim 1 missing from Plotnick, so claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Plotnick and Eldering.

Each of claims 85-88 depends either directly or indirectly from claim 1, so each of these claims includes all the features of claim 1, as well as other features of particular utility. Applicant therefore submits that claims 85-88 are patentably distinguished over Plotnick in view of Eldering.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 85-88.

***Response to Rejection of Claim 5 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

The Office Action rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Plotnick in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,718,551 to Swix et al. ("Swix").

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, the characterizations of the pending claims, and each and every implicit and/or explicit reliance on Official Notice.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 according to the discussions in the interview of April 27, 2011. As discussed above, Applicant submit that Plotnick does not disclose all the features of claim 1. Applicant further submits that Swix does not disclose the features of claim 1 missing from Plotnick, so claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Plotnick and Swix.

Claim 5 depends indirectly from claim 1, so this claim includes all the features of claim 1, as well as other features of particular utility. Applicant therefore submits that claim 5 is patentably distinguished over Plotnick in view of Swix.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 5.

***Response to Rejection of Claims 20 and 93 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

The Office Action rejected claims 20 and 93 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Plotnick in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,698,020 to Zigmond et al. ("Zigmond"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, the characterizations of the pending claims, and each and every implicit and/or explicit reliance on Official Notice.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 according to the discussions in the interview of April 27, 2011. As discussed above, Applicant submit that Plotnick does not disclose all the features of claim 1. Applicant further submits that Zigmond does not disclose the features of claim 1 missing from Plotnick, so claim 1 is patentable over the combination of Plotnick and Zigmond.

Each of claims 20 and 93 depends directly from claim 1, so each of these claims includes all the features of claim 1, as well as other features of particular utility. Applicant therefore submits that claims 20 and 93 are patentably distinguished over Plotnick in view of Zigmond.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 20 and 93.

***No Disclaimers or Disavowals***

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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